

CALEA Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

Dover, DE – A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will review all aspects of the Delaware State Police's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services between Monday May 18 through Wednesday May 20, 2020.

The Assessment Team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and places where compliance can be witnessed.

The Delaware State Police has to comply with over 484 standards in order to gain accredited status. "Verification by the team that the Delaware State Police meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence," says Delaware State Police Superintendent Nathaniel McQueen Jr.

Once the CALEA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status, Program Manager Laura Saunders stated. Accreditation is for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

As part of the site-based assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public session has been replaced with a dedicated e-mail where agency employees and members of

the community may e-mail comments. This dedicated e-mail is calea@calea.org. Please indicate in the subject line that you are e-mailing about the Delaware State Police CALEA review. This dedicated e-mail will be available on Tuesday May 19, 2020, from 1300-1600 hours.

A copy of the standards is available at the Delaware State Police Troop 2 located at 100 Corporal Stephen J. Ballard Way Newark, DE 19702. The local contact is the Accreditation Manager, Sgt. William Nottingham, at (302) 365-8474.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Delaware State Police's ability to comply with standards for accreditation or for more information may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) at 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, VA, 20155; or call (703) 352-4225 or e-mail calea@calea.org.

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